(ii) Integration of Leprosy Services with General Health Care System in the country for better out-reach and utilization of services by community.

(iii) Early Leprosy Case Detection and Free Multi Drug Therapy to all patients through all Government Primary Health Centres, Dispensaries and Hospitals in the country.

(iv) Intensified Public Awareness Campaigns through Mass Media as well as local media at periphery.

(v) Training of General Health Care Staff in leprosy and in disability prevention and Care.

(vi) Prevention of Deformities and Care.

Government has set a target of achieving leprosy elimination level *i.e.* Prevalence Rate of less than 1 case per 10,000 population at the national level by the end of 2005.

Non supply of essential drugs to the poor

2128. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that poor patients at AIIMS, Safdarjung and RML are not getting essential medicines and they are compelled to purchase the medicines from the open market; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the action taken by the Government and the rules framed in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The essential medicines including life saving medicine are being provided free of cost to the indoor needy patients at AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. RML Hospital.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

New Medical Colleges

2129. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Medical Association has decided to start medical colleges in the country;